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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1650.34C

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: COMMAND RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE THROUGH
ANNUAL NAVY LEAGUE AWARDS

1. Purpose. To provide all levels of command with an additional means of tangible recognition of individuals under their command whose performance in the areas set forth below is such as to be deserving of special recognition.

2. Cancellation. SECNAV Instruction 1650.34B.

3. Background

a. The Navy League of the United States is a highly respected national organization composed of more than 70,000 civilians, with approximately 340 individual councils throughout the United States and overseas. The objectives of the Navy League are to develop and maintain public interest in the Department of the Navy and its missions, and to offer cooperation and assistance in all matters tending to enhance naval efficiency.

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b. Toward this end, the Navy League will present 15 awards at their annual convention to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in specific fields of endeavor. The nature of these awards is such as to accord exceptional public recognition of the recipients and the naval service. Active-duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel are eligible for 14 of the 15 awards.

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4. Awards

a. The John Paul Jones Award - for inspirational leadership, to be awarded to the Navy officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the high standards of leadership traditional in the naval service.



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- R) b. The Admiral Claude V. Ricketts Awards - for inspirational leadership, to be awarded to those Navy enlisted persons who, in the traditional performance of duty, have demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional competence required by their rates (2 awards: E-7 and above; E-6 and below).
- c. The Captain Winifred Quick Collins Award - for inspirational leadership, to be awarded to that woman officer and enlisted woman whose exceptional leadership and performance in their military duties have been accomplished by outstanding contributions, which have brought them recognition and reflected credit on women in the naval service (2 recipients).
- R) d. The General John A. Lejeune Award - for inspirational leadership, to be awarded to that Marine Corps officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the high standards of leadership traditional in the naval service. While nominee is restricted to the Marine Corps, sphere of action is not.
- e. The General Gerald C. Thomas Award - for inspirational leadership, to be awarded to that Marine Corps enlisted person who, by traditional performance of duty, has demonstrated outstanding leadership and the professional competence required by his/her rank.
- f. The Rear Admiral William S. Parsons Award - for scientific and technical progress, to be awarded to that Navy or Marine Corps officer, enlisted person, or civilian who has made an outstanding contribution in any field of science, which has furthered the development and progress of the Navy or Marine Corps.
- g. The Stephen Decatur Award - for operational competence, to be awarded to that Navy officer or enlisted person who has made an outstanding personal contribution which has advanced the readiness and competence of naval service in the course of actual naval operations.
- h. The General Holland M. Smith Award - for operational competence, to be awarded to that Marine Corps officer or enlisted person who has made an outstanding personal contribution which has advanced the readiness and competence of the naval service in the course of actual naval operations.

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i. The Alfred Thayer Mahan Award - for literary achievement, to be awarded to that Navy or Marine Corps officer, enlisted person, or civilian who has made a notable literary contribution which has advanced the knowledge of the importance of sea power in the United States. (R)

j. The Robert M. Thompson Award - for outstanding civilian leadership, to be awarded to that civilian, government official, or retired Navy or Marine Corps officer or enlisted person who has made a personal contribution towards furthering the importance of sea power through his or her efforts as a civilian. Civilian nominees for this award do not have to be Navy or Marine Corps employees.

k. The Honorable J. William Middendorf, II, Award - for engineering excellence, to be awarded to a Navy petty officer in Group VII (Engineering and Hull) who by traditional performance of duty has demonstrated outstanding leadership and the professional competence required in that rating while attached to a deployed ship of the operating fleet.

1. The Admiral Ben Moreell Awards - for logistics competence, to be awarded to that Navy or Marine Corps officer and enlisted person who have made outstanding personal contributions which have advanced the logistics readiness and competence of the naval service (two awards). (R)

5. Discussion. A deserving officer, enlisted person, or civilian may be on duty anywhere, regardless of the size of the ship or station. In keeping with the original intent of these awards, nominations should be for recent achievements which have produced an outstanding contribution in the respective areas of endeavor. Nominations should be fully substantiated, and reflect a careful and conscientious evaluation of the nominee. Generalities should be avoided. The awards board must make its decisions, based solely on the content of those nominations submitted. While not limited to the current calendar year, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nominations should not exceed two pages, preferably one.

6. Action

a. The contents of this instruction should receive the widest possible dissemination.

b. Nominations (original and six copies) and a suggested citation should be attached to a cover letter that includes the following information:

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(1) Nominee's full name, rank/rate, and SSN in upper righthand corner.

(2) Current duty station.

(3) Home of record.

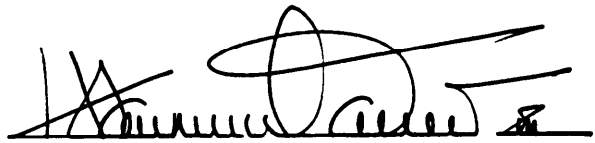
(4) Length of service.

c. The nomination packet should be forwarded directly to:

Board of Awards
Navy League of the United States
2300 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

R) d. Nomination due date is determined by the Navy League each year in November or December, and will be issued separately by the Chief of Information and Director of Public Affairs (Marine Corps). Awards will be presented at the Annual Navy League National Convention.

7. Report. The reporting requirement contained in paragraph 6 is exempt from reports control by SECNAVINST 5214.2B.



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